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For: SLIDING BEARING AND BEARING MECHANISM HAVING THE SAME

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**AMENDMENT**

Applicants hereby submit this in response to the Office Action mailed May 9, 2006 ("Office Action").

A response to the Office Action was originally due August 9, 2006. Applicants hereby petition for a three-month extension of time in which to submit a response or an amendment in response to the Office Action. The fee for a three-month extension of time is \$1020 and a check in that amount is enclosed. Therefore, the deadline for responding to the Office Action is now November 9, 2006. Accordingly, this Amendment and Response is being timely filed.